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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.312

Dear Sir:

This case has been passed to issue.

Applicants respectfully request that the claims be amended to read as follows. As discussed by Applicants' attorney and Mr. Ahmed on this date, all that is desired is that the reference numbers be removed from the claims. Such action is earnestly solicited.